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Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks. Claims 1-13 are pending.

Applicant respectfully traverses the drawing rejection. Figure 3 illustrates elongated apertures which are certainly not round as illustrated in Figure 2. The Examiner admits that the holes of Figure 3 "appear elliptical but that is due to the perspective drawing." Notably, the perspective is the same in both Figures 2 and 3. Figure 3 simply shows that non-circular elongated apertures will also benefit from the present invention. An ellipse is certainly an "elongated opening".

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Blatter et al* (3,862,675.) *Blatter et al* discloses an anti-skid brake system in which fluid is pumped at a high pressure through the brake shoe and brake pad to selectively reduce the friction and therefore the braking capacity between the pad and the drum. The fluid pumping solenoid valve 42 seals the openings 44 (See *Blatter et al* Figure 2.) That is, openings 44 only allows passage of the specialized pressurized fluid from valve 42. The openings of *Blatter et al* completely fail to disclose or suggest an unobstructed moisture escape path as recited in claims 1 and 5. The special fluid is not moisture and the valve 42 completely obstructs the opening 44. Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are properly allowable.

Claims 1, 5 and 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Strebingner* (2,875,859.) *Strebingner* completely fails to disclose any apertures whatsoever through the brake lining 24a. That is, the openings only pass through the rim 20a not through the brake lining 24a (Figures 5, 6 and 7).

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance.

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